

THE INDIANS

**Partial Confirmation of
Report of a Great Battle
Indians at Fort Peck Tell the New
Steamboat Captain.**

No Information Yet Received
Is Official or Authoritative

Interesting Advices from
Crook's Camp on
Goose Creek.

Arrival of Gen. Merritt's
 reinforcements in Good Order

The Entire Command in Fine
 for an Immediate Advance.

THE RUMOR.

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN IT.
 BISMARCK, D. T., Aug. 15.—We have
 Terry's last fight with the Indians back

er Western, which arrived this morning at
the Captain of the Western that Terry had
a fight with the Sioux the day before, and
Terry's killed numbered 300, Sitting Bull
killing 700 men. The steamer Josephine,
with Government freight and troops,
left Buford to-morrow. Gen. Sambaorn,
Paul, arrived to-night.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—Gen. S. states that he has received a similar report another direction to that published yesterday stating that a terrible battle had taken place between Gen. Crook and the Sioux, and the latter had almost been annihilated. It was brought to the Red Cloud Agency, and from him from Laramie; therefore, he says, seems to be more substance in the squaw's than was at first considered probable.

MISCELLANEOUS.

REINFORCEMENTS.
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 15.—Companies C and F, Fourth Cavalry, left for the North yesterday. Two companies of the Fourteenth Infantry arrived from Utah yesterday, and orders. Four companies of the Fourth Cavalry from the Pacific Coast, and one more Fourth Cavalry, making six of this regiment, are expected here to-morrow. Sixty Utah scouts leave Fortetterman Thursday will endeavor to join Crook. Mail

North, Chief of the old organization of Pi
scouts, is ordered to report to Gen. She
He left Sidney, Neb., for Chicago to-night.

BLACK-HILLERS.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 15.—The *Pioneer*
Bismarck special of to-day says a par
twenty-five men with teams arrived from
Black Hills to-day. When one day's
from the Hills they had a skirmish with
Indians and lost one man and one wound
the foot. They report mines to be set

ties as very successful—the richest places
things they had ever seen. There was an
stock of provisions in the Hills, and bacco
sold as low as 18 cents, and flour as low
per hundred.

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CROOK'S COMMAND.
ARRIVAL OF THE FIFTH CAVALRY—DISPOS
OF THE FORCES.
From Our Own Correspondent.
BIG HORN EXPEDITION, CAMP ON

LANE, Wyo. Ter., Aug. 4.—The long-looked-for Fifth Cavalry, under Gen. Merritt, arrived from the south yesterday. It was a significant event for general rejoicing, as the famous regiment filled in sight, than that which marks the turning-point of this closing war of races. We waited and prayed for the coming of this great arm as only those who daily see grants and opportunities passing away can wait and wonder. The Fifth had started hither over two weeks ago, but the threatening aspect of affairs

The Agencies brought about an order for a parade movement. The details of their march, with its gift march and valuable services rendered near those asylums for peaceful suffering, have already reached you, and the public has doubt traced their course to this point. Their duty was performed. Besides his force of 550 strong, Gen. Merritt brought 100 recruits for our depleted infantry regiments, and a fine force of scouts—among them the "Buffalo Bill" and "Capt. Jack" Crawford.

GEN. CROOK'S DIVISION REORGANIZED.
Hardly had the first warm greetings been exchanged between gallant newcomers and patient welcomers ere reorganization commenced in earnest. Officers of different regiments, who had been warmest friends during the Civil War a dozen years or more ago, did not meet since, skipped hastily over into the "by-gones," and eagerly dwelt upon

great question at hand. There was no time to even briefly "fight the old battles over again." New wrongs were to be avenged. The beautiful and pest-ridden frontier was to be reclaimed, and golden moments were to be seized. The mosaic of the new, the startling, thrilling mosaic could alone gather together and alone inspire the knots of battle-scarred veterans to-day the new organization, necessary by the arrival of ranking field officers.

is announced as follows: Gen. Wesley T. Atkinson, commanding the division, is Colonel of the Fifth Cavalry, to command the entire cavalry force of twenty-five companies. Reporting to Gen. Merritt are Lieut.-Col. S. E. Carr, commanding the ten companies composing the Fifth Cavalry; Lieut.-Col. W. H. Royall, of the Third Cavalry, commanding twenty companies of the Third and five companies of the Second Cavalry; Maj. A. B. Evans, of the Third Cavalry, commanding the battalions formed by his regiment; and Capt. H. E. Norton, of the Third Cavalry, commanding the

commanding the battalion formed by the companies of the Second Cavalry; Maj. A. Under Chambers, of the Fourth Infantry, commands the entire force of ten companies composing the infantry battalion. The latter consists of Companies B, C, F, and I, of the Fourth; D, F, and G, of the Fourth; G, and H, of the Ninth Regiments. Maj. Stanton, United States Paymaster in the department, has charge of the white and colored scouts, while Capt. George H. Randall commands the Shoshone and Ute Indian allies.

During the forenoon there was a brief consultation at the headquarters of Gen. Crook with field officers, battalion commanders, and members of the General's staff being present. The instructions of the commander were simple and, spoken in that quiet yet firm tone so characteristic of the man. Among other things, he said that necessary precaution had been taken and preparation made to prevent a return to this point until the army had either been fairly met or provisions secured. The contingency of being embarrassed by a surprise, wounded, could not be altogether avoided.

...the more able to hold out in a more

assault. The allies would be kept out of the way of the troops as much as possible to prevent confusion. In case of a fight in which the allies were repulsed, the cavalry and allies would follow until the enemy were thoroughly defeated.

